

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GUNJI et al.

Application No.: 10/716,473

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACID USING METHYLOTROPH

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Hope A. Robinson

Attorney Ref. No.: US-104

Confirmation No.: 5759

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, one month(s) to May 12, 2006.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to .

Please charge ☒ the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or ☐ our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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